

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A bar code scanner for reading a bar code pattern, comprising:
  - a housing with an opening formed in the front end thereof;
  - a main body including a circuit board, a scanning unit for reading the bar code pattern and a scanning window, being mounted in the housing with the scanning window located in the opening;
  - a case plate covered on the housing; and
  - a lighting device electrically connected with the circuit board to provide an auxiliary illumination for a user to reading read the bar code pattern in an insufficiently lighting environment.
2. (original) The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the housing includes a through hole in the front end thereof for the lighting device mounted therein.
3. (original) The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the scanning window includes a seat for the lighting device mounted thereon.
4. (original) The bar code scanner of claim 3, wherein the seat is a semicircle-shaped groove.
5. (original) The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the lighting device is a light emitting diode.
6. (original) The bar code scanner of claim 1, wherein the lighting device has a parallel connection with the scanning unit.
7. (original) The bar code scanner of claim 1, further comprising a switch for selectively controlling on/off of the lighting device.